

IN RECOGNITION OF DAWN A. MOLITERNO THE 2008 FLORIDA PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Dawn A. Moliterno upon her recognition as the Florida Public Relations Association Person of the Year.

Over the years, Ms. Moliterno has time and again proven herself as an exceptional businessperson. Beginning with a career in the retail industry, Ms. Moliterno served as the Marketing Manager and Company Spokesman for the Cafaro Company for 10 years. She then moved on to apply her marketing, communication, and strategic development skills to the Walton County Florida Chamber of Commerce. While there, Ms. Moliterno served as the Vice President of Marketing and Membership and had oversight of all membership, marketing, strategic partner relationships, product development, sales, and advertising efforts for the Regional Chamber. As a testament to her keen business sense, in just 4 short years Ms. Moliterno increased membership in the Regional Chamber from 1,604 members to over 2,500 members.

Ms. Moliterno has earned numerous accolades that reflect the hard work and dedication that she has applied to her profession. Selected by Florida State Senator Don Gaetz along with only 500 other females from across the country, Ms. Moliterno was sent to Washington, DC, for the 2008 Leadership for Women in Business Conference. She is also the Regional Steward for Coastal Vision 3000/ THE Beach and spearheaded the Athena International Award for Women for the Northwest Florida region in 2006.

The First District of Florida is incredibly fortunate to house such a talented and ambitious person, and it will benefit from the hard work provided by Ms. Moliterno for years to come.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Dawn Moliterno for her exceptional talents and her service to the First District of Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, I missed rollcall votes 616, 617, and 618. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 616 and 617 and "aye" on rollcall vote 618.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAILY TIMES NEWSPAPER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a newspaper and its editor that are woven into the fabric of one of this Nation's most remarkable and scenic communities.

So often, citizens of smaller towns must sift through larger newspapers from nearby cities for news that is relevant to their lives. For the last 125 years, however, the people of the city of Maryville and Blount County have turned to the Daily Times for news coverage which focuses on their community.

Support for the newspaper is strong, and the numbers prove it. The Daily Times has frequently ranked among the top three newspapers in the Nation in penetration of its circulation area and has been recognized as the fastest growing daily newspaper in Tennessee. In an era when newspapers continue to struggle to compete with the internet, the Daily Times remains strong with its focus on local culture and interests.

The paper has won numerous awards from the University of Tennessee/Tennessee Press Association statewide competitions and from the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Perhaps nothing illustrates the Daily Times' commitment to Blount County more than its editor, Dean Stone.

Born in Maryville, Mr. Stone began working for the Daily Times 61 years ago as a sportswriter. While his professional success could have led him elsewhere, Mr. Stone stayed in Blount County, devoted to the Daily Times and drawn to the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Stone is known well by the Blount County community for many reasons. Whether it is his photography, community service, or stewardship of the Daily Times, chances are he has touched the life of everyone in Blount County in some way.

As an award winning author and photographer, Mr. Stone's Snapshots of Blount County History book series is a favorite among locals and praised by authors and journalists from all across the country.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in congratulating the Daily Times in Maryville, Tennessee, for 125 years of service to its readers and the achievements of the paper's outstanding and committed editor, Dean Stone.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. ROBOTTI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable man and my friend, Mr. John J. Robotti. Sadly, John passed away this year on May 6. I mourn him as does his wife, Marion; his sisters, Rose Carbo and Florence Stevens; his brother, William Robotti; and his many nieces and nephews.

I first met John through his wife, Marion, who is a community activist and all-around get-it-done kind of person. It came as no surprise to me that Marion would have married a guy like John—he also was someone who could not sit still. He just had to be doing something. But for him "doing something" was making a contribution to his family, his community, and his Nation.

In fact, John served 65 years in service to the country in one form or another. It started with his enlisting in the Army in 1941 and continued through 2006 when he finally retired from Federal service. If he wasn't serving in the public sector, he didn't feel like he was giving enough.

John entered Officer Candidate School in 1943. His tours of duty for the Army included Europe, Asia, and the United States. He was sent to Paris, France, and in 1950 he met his future wife Marion, who he later married in Palo Alto, California, in 1953. In 1960, he was selected as the executive officer of the Squaw Valley Olympic Games, which were enormously successful. In 1961, he retired with the rank of major from 20 years of active duty while stationed at Fort Ord, California. He also served as chief of the Consolidated Supply Section of G4.

As a civilian, John became a G4 logistical services officer at Fort Ord. Later, he was the administrative officer, chief of maintenance, and housing manager at Fort Ord. When he retired, John was the director of logistics at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. His civilian career spanned 45 years.

Throughout his years as a civil servant, John received many well-deserved honors. In 1991, he was given the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 1994 and 1995, respectively, he received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Exceptional Service Award. In 1996, he was honored with a 55 Year Award for exceptional Federal service.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor John J. Robotti, a man who loved his country, his chosen field of endeavor, his home, and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARSDEN HARTLEY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to honor a native son of the largest city in my Congressional District. Marsden Hartley was born in Lewiston, Maine, in 1877. He became the most daring and original of the group of first generation modernist artists whom Alfred Stieglitz brought together in the early years of the 20th century.

In the early years of the 20th century, Marsden Hartley traveled throughout the USA and Europe. Considered an early modernist, Hartley was a nomadic painter for much of his life. He painted from Maine to Massachusetts, in New Mexico, California, New York, and in Western Europe. Finally, after spending many years away from his native state, he returned to Maine toward the end of his life. He wanted to become "The Painter of Maine" and to depict American life at a local level. In this way,